

Metropolitan King County Councilmember

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Dear Neighbor:

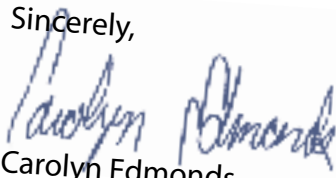
Serving North County neighborhoods on the King County Council is an honor and privilege. Over the past several years I have had the opportunity to work with folks from Bothell, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Shoreline and North Seattle to solve problems and explore opportunities.

In this newsletter I highlight some of our local and regional county services. Also, you'll find information inside on long term policy discussions and how you may participate.

As your elected representative on the King County Council, my primary focus is providing you with easy access to my office and helping you cut through the bureaucracy of regional government. If you are having difficulty with a specific county department or simply need guidance on who to contact, don't hesitate to call or email my office. I make every effort to provide prompt and efficient service.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding county services or any other matter.

Sincerely,


Carolyn Edmonds

**Let me
hear from you**

Your comments and thoughts are important to me. I look forward to hearing from you online or in person.

In Our Neighborhood

Burke-Gilman Trail Upgrades

The 27 mile Burke-Gilman Trail runs through the heart of the First Council District and connects our cities to parks across North County. Pedestrians and bicyclists can travel on the paved, county maintained trail from Marymoor Park in Redmond around the north rim of Lake Washington to Gas Works Park in Seattle. I understand the importance of this community resource to my district. As chair of the Natural Resources and Utilities Committee, I have pushed hard to maintain and upgrade our trails.

The portion of the Burke-Gilman that runs through Lake Forest Park is the oldest segment of the trail. I am currently working with the Department of Natural Resources and Parks on upgrading the conditions and safety for this segment. A 13-member citizens' advisory group is also working to formulate recommendations for how the segment can be improved. Please contact me if you have suggestions for trail improvements. The county's web page for the trail is located at www.metrokc.gov/parks/trails/trails/burke.htm.



Citizens' Advisory Group tours the trail.

Local Transportation Planning

The SeaShore Transportation Forum is a cooperative effort of elected officials and other representatives that serves as a roundtable forum on transportation projects located in the Seattle/North King/South Snohomish County area. This is my second year serving as co-chair of the SeaShore Transportation Forum. Last year, we were

able to coordinate with other area groups to develop advocacy strategies that culminated in a joint legislative agenda for 2005. SeaShore is now better equipped as it continues to advocate at the State and Federal levels for better funding of local transportation projects.

Economic Development

I am currently working on a North King County Economic Study and Summit. This project involves a public-private partnership with the five North County cities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville; local educational institutions; businesses; and non-profits. Together these groups are jointly coordinating on a multifaceted survey of 300 North County employers.

Taken as a whole, the cities of North County represent a significant population base and are a major business center in our region. Each city has unique, but often complimentary, economic

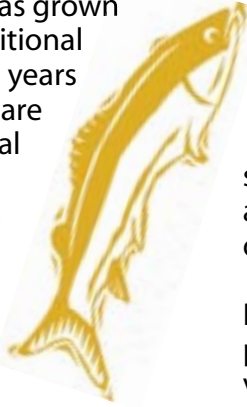
vitality and growth objectives. The survey data will be compiled and analyzed to help us work together and identify common action steps to build on the economic expansion in North County.

This project is scheduled to culminate in a summit luncheon on April 5 at the University of Washington, Bothell campus. Bob Drewel, Executive Director of the Puget Sound Regional Council, will be the featured speaker. Please check my website – www.metrokc.gov/ed-monds – for updates.

In Our Region

Environmental Stewardship

The population of King County has grown by more than 40 percent (an additional half-million people) in the last 25 years alone. As more and more people are drawn to the region by the natural beauty, economic opportunities, and quality of life, the stresses on the natural environment have continued to grow.



King County plays a key role in setting environmental standards for the region through land use planning and policy, public health regulations,

institutional practices, and the county's numerous partnerships.

Last year the Council passed important legislation, with my support, to protect our water supplies from contamination, prevent flooding and erosion, and to prevent the destruction of our unique Northwest ecosystems.

Protecting our environment is important to our physical health, quality of life, and economic vitality. I am committed to working with my colleagues to find sensible solutions that will protect the region for this generation and those that will follow.

Public Health

"Public Health - Seattle & King County" protects and promotes the health of King County residents through a wide array of services, including disease prevention and health promotion, infectious diseases surveillance, EMS services, and clinical and jail health services.

A key Public Health activity is to ensure that food is prepared, stored, and served in a way that minimizes the risk of food borne illness. As Chair of the Board of Health, I have worked to improve food safety inspections for our region.

King County's 10,000 food establishments are inspected and food workers are provided educational information several times a year to maximize food safety. All violations of the food code are corrected to the inspector's satisfaction during the visits. The public may view inspection reports by visiting the Public Health web site at: www.metrokc.gov/health/food-safety/inspections.htm. This easy to use web site is a simple way to check up on your favorite local restaurants.

At your Service

If you have any issues or concerns, I am available to meet with you at your convenience. My office has a proven record of providing excellent constituent service.

I have a local district office in the City of Shoreline for those of you who would rather not commute to the downtown Council offices. Please call 206-296-1001 to set up a meeting time. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts about our community.

For up to date information on District One and King County, check out my website www.metrokc.gov/edmonds. I can also be reached via email at carolyn.edmonds@metrokc.gov.



Councilmember Edmonds meets with constituents at a recent Council event in Lake Forest Park.





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Please share your thoughts...

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and priorities on King County government. Citizen input is vital to my ability to represent you on the Council. I take each comment seriously.

***If you do not have internet access, you can share your comments below and mail them to:
Councilmember Carolyn Edmonds, 516 Third Ave, Room 1200, Seattle, WA 98104.***

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate your top priorities for county government:

- ☐ Human Services Funding
- ☐ Metro Bus Service
- ☐ Road Improvements
- ☐ Elections
- ☐ Parks and Trails
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Police and EMS Service
- ☐ Utility Services
- ☐ Arts and Heritage
- ☐ Environment and Growth Management
- ☐ Budget and Government Efficiency
- ☐ Other _____

Your suggestions are valued. Please comment on your priorities:

Survey Online

This survey is available
online at:

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